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RE: Massachusetts Volunteer Monitor's Guidebook to Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs)

Dear Volunteer:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection is pleased to present the Massachusetts Volunteer Monitor's Guidebook to Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs). This document enhances the current edition of EPA's Volunteer Monitor's Guide to Quality Assurance Project Plans.

We hope that this document assists volunteers in planning and implementing successful monitoring projects resulting in usable data of known and documented quality. At present, all monitoring efforts receiving EPA, EOE, and DEP agency funding must develop a QAPP.

We wish to thank the University of Massachusetts -Water Resource Research Center and the Massachusetts Water Watch Partnership for their efforts in producing the guidebook.

Based on your use of the guidebook, we would appreciate any comments on its usefulness, as well as suggestions for improvement. We plan to make annual updates to the guidebook electronically via the DEP web site (<http://www.state.ma.us/dep/brp/wm/wmpubs.htm>). If you have any questions, comments and/or suggestions, please call Richard Chase (508-767-2859) or Arthur Screpetis (508-767-2875).

Thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

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